1	2	3	4	5
(i) Seed Spices	(i) Gujarat	Nil	2.785	1.815
	(ii) Rajasthan	0.8885	18.200	12.300
	(iii) Andhra Pradesh	Nil	3.530	3.175
	(iv) Tamil Nadu	0.195	Nil	Nil
	(v) Punjab	Nil	0.470	Nil
	Total	1.0835	24.9850	17.290

* Allocation are made on schematic basis, Statewise breakups are estimates only.

Withdrawl of minimum Price for FCV Tobacco

714. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the stipulation of minimum export price for F.C.V. Tobacco has been withdrawn since the 16th April, 1993 ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and with what effect ;

(c) whether there are any representations to withdraw the same ; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) Under the Export-Import Policy as amended from 1st April, 1993 there is no minimum export price (MEP) for FCV tobacco. The MEP condition has been removed as part of the general process of liberalisation of trade.

(c) and (d) Government has not received any representation in this regard.

Visit of Chairman Tobacco Board of Moscow

715. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation visited Moscow headed by Chairman, Tobacco Board to explore the avenues of Tobacco exports ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A 9-member Tobacco Exporters Delegation led by the Chairman, Tobacco Board visited Russia and some other CIS countries from 19th to 27th April, 1993. The report of the delegation is awaited. However, it is learnt that it should be possible to export about 20,000 MTs of cigarette tobacco to these countries within the next one year if necessary funding arrangements are made.

Export of Tobacco

716. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total quantity of F.C.V. Tobacco contract for export so far this year ;